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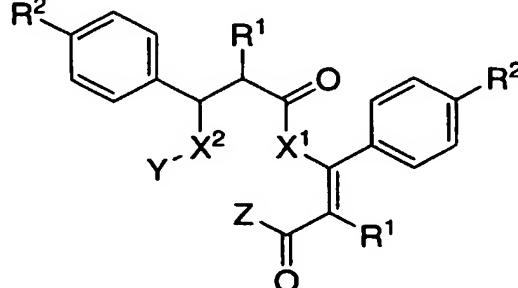
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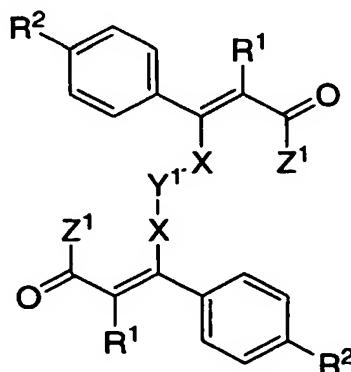
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I



II

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(57) Abstract: The invention encompasses the novel compounds of Formula (I) and Formula (II), which are prodrugs that convert *in vivo* to diaryl-2-(5H)-furanones useful in the treatment of cyclooxygenase-2 mediated diseases. These prodrugs are far more soluble in aqueous media than the active agents into which they convert, *in vivo*. As such compounds of Formula (I) and (II) are advantageous for, among other things intravenous administration. The invention also encompasses certain pharmaceutical compositions and methods for treatment of cyclooxygenase-2 mediated diseases comprising the use of compounds of Formula (I) and Formula (II).